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**NOTICE.**

The Democratic voters of the Parish of St. Tammany are hereby notified that a Convention will be held at the Courthouse, in Covington, on Monday, July 24, 1882, for the purpose of electing two delegates to the District Congressional Nominating Convention, to be held in Baton Rouge on the Tuesday, the 14th day of August, 1882.

J. M. ABNEY,  
President Democratic Parish Executive Committee.  
W. B. Cook, Secretary.

It is not customary for us to give undue praise to the members of the Legislature, but we feel in duty bound to say that they did a very noble and patriotic thing when they adjourned.

Administrator Mealy says the Council of New Orleans do not want bad water in the city at all, if it is bad. Wonder if he has ever tasted the Mississippi mud soup furnished by the New Orleans Waterworks Company?

We never heard of a St. Tammany Representative getting more than \$1000, and if that is not the market price, the Representatives are to be pitied. We hope that in future St. Tammany will send Representatives who will be at par.—*Martinez Gazette.*

About how much does Livingston parish bring, in a good market?

The New Orleans City Council propose to appoint a committee to investigate the character of the water of the Bogue Falia. We hope the committee will be composed of men who know a glass of water when they see it and taste it.

Keep tried and experienced men in the House of Representatives.—*Morchouse Clarion.*

The people of the Sixth District fully recognize the wisdom of such a course, and that is the reason why they are going to send Hon. E. W. Robertson back to the House, and keep him there, at least for another term or two.

Mrs. Lincoln, widow of the late President Abraham Lincoln, died at Springfield, Ill., last Sunday night, after a long illness. She died in the same room where, forty years ago, she was married to Mr. Lincoln. Hon. Robert Lincoln, the present Secretary of War, is the only surviving child.

**THE COLONEL.**—We suggest that the Mayor of New Orleans appoint Col. W. F. Hosmer as one of the members of the committee to examine into the character and merits of Bogue Falia water. He is a regular visitor to Covington, and we doubt if any one knows more about the water than he does. His judgment can be relied upon.

Mr. Henry Shipwith, the author, we are indebted for a copy of a neatly printed pamphlet, entitled, "Three Epochs, or pocket memoranda, to aid Congress and the President in arbitrating the rights of the Florida parishes of Louisiana."

**A Vigorous Growth**  
Of the hair is often promoted by using Parker's Hair Balsam. It always restores the youthful color and lustre to gray hair, gives it new life, and removes all irritation and dandruff.

**OUR CONGRESSMAN.**

Hon. E. W. Robertson has issued a lengthy address to the people of the Sixth Congressional District, in which he gives an account of his course in Congress during the three terms in which he has served as Representative from this District, and we venture the assertion that no member of Congress can show a better record. It was greatly due to his untiring efforts that the question of protecting the alluvial lands of the Mississippi Valley from overflow was taken into consideration in connection with the improvement of the navigation of the river, and the result is that a bill has just been passed in Congress making an appropriation of \$2,000,000 for the purpose of building and repairing levees.

This, however, is but a small portion of the important work that Congressman Robertson has been greatly instrumental in accomplishing for the benefit of his people and State. He has recently introduced a bill "to relinquish the cotton tax collected from the alluvial States, and to appropriate the same for the permanent improvement of the Mississippi River and protection of its valley." The bill is intended to carry out the wishes of the President, as stated in his recent message, and when it comes up for consideration will make a direct and square issue between the advocates and opponents of protection.

He has also introduced a bill to amend the general statutes so as to exclude all lotteries from the benefit of the mails. In this connection Congressman Robertson says:

The "Louisiana State Lottery," bearing as it does the name of the State, is bringing it and our people into unenviable notoriety and disrepute abroad. It is corrupting the morals of not only the people of our State, but throughout the whole United States, for its demoralizing agencies are wide-spread. It is generally believed that it has a legal charter and has in the new constitution been recognized as a binding contract upon the people of the State. Under the recent decision of the United States Supreme Court in the case of Stone vs. the State of Mississippi, the right of the people of the State to barter away its police powers, either by act of the Legislature or by a constitutional provision, was denied. The Legislature of the State of Louisiana, having by act approved March 28, 1879, repealed its charter, it has no legal existence, and I pronounce it an unmitigated fraud. I propose to press this matter to the extent of my ability, and call the attention of all interested in the welfare of Louisiana to be active in their duty of retrieving the good name of the State.

Congressman Robertson also succeeded in securing an agreement with the New Orleans and Pacific Railroad Company, as transferees of the rights and privileges of the New Orleans, Baton Rouge and Vicksburg Railroad Company, covering the lands granted to that company, by which agreement the rights of actual settlers to retain their land were fully recognized and secured. The agreement also secured the obligation of this company to build a branch road to the city of Baton Rouge, which they have done, and which has resulted in great benefit to the people of our District, by securing railway communication with the capital of the State.

He has also introduced a bill providing for the establishment of a life-saving service upon the Mississippi River, besides a number of other important bills, which have either been passed or are now pending.

In view of the great services rendered by Congressman Robertson, to the people of his District and State, we maintain it is highly important that he be re-elected to the position which he has so ably and honorably filled through all the eventful years since his first election, in 1876. And we believe this is the sentiment of the mass of the people throughout the District.

**BOGUE FALIA WATER.**

The New Orleans City Council met in Committee of the Whole last Monday, to consider the question of granting the right of way through the city, to lay mains, etc., to the St. Tammany Waterworks Company, and it was decided to appoint a committee of two, representing the city and the Board of Health, to investigate the character of the water of the Bogue Falia, its drainage, etc. As might be expected, the new company meets with considerable opposition from those interested in the New Orleans Waterworks Company. This company is a rich and powerful one—in fact, it is one of the strongest links in the chain of rings under which the city is groaning at present. But if the company is strong, the Mississippi mud soup which it serves to the people, under the name of fresh water, is much stronger. As an evidence of the feeling of the Council in the matter of granting a charter to the new company, we quote as follows from the proceedings of Monday's meeting:

When the matter was taken up, Mr. Delamore suggested that inasmuch as there was an important legal question involved, it would perhaps be better to refer the matter to the City Attorney, for him to say whether the city could, under the statutes, grant any rights to the new company. He said, in giving title to the company now operating in this city, the State, in the fifth section of the act, had given it the exclusive right to furnish water to the city, and an ordinance granting any such right to another company would be in violation of this law. The city had guaranteed this in the title when the purchase was made.

Mr. Mealy said that aside from the legal questions involved, there was one of sanitation. He had heard that the river from which this company intended to draw its supply at certain seasons of the year was in a very unhealthy condition. In fact, that it was not fit to drink. Now, he couldn't say how true this was, but whether it was true or not, the City Council ought to act with caution in the matter. He wanted the water of the Bogue Falia to be analyzed first, to find out its properties, and this at the expense of the company asking for the grant. Gov. Penn suggested that nobody need take the water after it was brought here if they did not want to, when Mr. Mealy replied that the Council did not want bad water here at all, if it was bad.

So far as Mr. Delamore's suggestion is concerned, it is perhaps true that the city has granted the New Orleans Waterworks Company the exclusive privilege of supplying that city with water. But the monopoly feature of such a contract is a direct violation of the law, according to the new Constitution, which provides that "no monopoly or exclusive privilege shall exist in this State."

Article 155 of the new Constitution provides that "no ex post facto law, nor any law impairing the obligation of contracts, shall be passed, nor vested rights be divested, unless for purposes of public utility, and for adequate compensation previously made." The question of supplying New Orleans with pure and healthy water being one of "public utility," does not conflict with the above act, but is rather sanctioned by it, and we do not see how the City Council can justly refuse to grant the right of way to any company organized for that purpose.

Mr. Mealey says he has heard that the water of the Bogue Falia, at certain seasons, is in an unhealthy condition and not fit to drink. As he failed to give the name of his informant, the public are left in the dark as to whether he is a good judge of healthy water or not—probably not. But Mr. Mealy, by his statement, has succeeded in creating a suspicion as to the quality of Bogue Falia water. We have been in the habit of drinking this water at all seasons of the year, and

never found it to be unhealthy. But while it is perfectly pure, sweet and clear at all times, there is one characteristic about it which may strike the average New Orleans Councilman as being highly objectionable—it is rather thin. But when the city is supplied with this water by the new company, they can very easily remedy this slight defect by diluting the water to suit the taste. There are various well-known ways of doing this.

From a sanitary point of view, the citizens of New Orleans, who are vitally interested in the matter of obtaining a constant supply of pure water, should see that their representatives throw no obstacle in the way of securing this very desirable result. And we know of no better way to accomplish this than by granting the right of way to the St. Tammany Waterworks Company. In order to obtain the speedy completion of the work, it would be well to compel them to commence at once, and finish it within a certain stipulated time—say one year. There is no discount on the quality of the water, and the supply is more than adequate for the purpose. We believe that any company furnishing this water to the citizens of New Orleans would soon be regarded as a public benefactor.

Mr. Frank Work's team, "Dick Swiveller" and "Edward," trotted a mile in 2:16 $\frac{3}{4}$ , hitched to a road wagon, in a New York park, one day last week. This is pronounced the fastest time on record in the world for a trotting team.

Searches for arms in Ireland are generally fruitless. The weapons, well greased, are wrapped in waterproof paper and buried in a tilled field, the owner alone knowing the precise spot, as a crop is grown upon it.

**THE YOUNGEST BRIDE ON RECORD.**  
The youngest bride that we have heard of is Miss Caloe, who was married just across the South Carolina line, the other day, to Mr. Thomas Payne. Miss Caloe's age is 11 years and 7 months, and her husband is bowed under the weight of only 29 years. It was a "sure enough" marriage, a regularly ordained minister of the gospel performing the ceremony.—*Charlotte Observer.*

By an act of the recent session of the Legislature, dogs are declared to be personal property, as much so as horses, cattle, etc.; provided they are assessed. Unless they are placed on the assessment rolls they are entitled to no legal protection; and when assessed, should a dog be killed or injured, the owner can recover an amount not exceeding the dog's assessed value.—*St. Landry Democrat.*

The Republicans in Congress who voted for the Mississippi River appropriation propose now to get even with the section of country that is to be benefited by it by increasing the tax on cotton ties and reducing the tariff on sugar. The amount of the appropriation for the river is less than \$5,000,000, while the tax, which will fall upon the cotton planters and other laborers of the South by the proposed new tariff on cotton ties, will reach the sum of nearly \$1,000,000, and the loss to the sugar planters by the reduction of the tariff twenty-five per cent. will be about \$10,000,000. At this rate the Republican party can well afford to be liberal to the Mississippi river, and then boast of its magnanimity and generosity towards the Southern people.—*Daily States.*

**Eighty-five Dollars Lost.**  
"You do not tell me that your husband is up and entirely cured by so simple a medicine as Parker's Ginger Tonic?" "Yes, indeed I do," said Mrs. Benjamin to her neighbor, "and after we had lost eighty-five dollars in doctor's bills and prescriptions. Now my husband feels as well as ever."

**IS BOGUE FALIA WATER HEALTHY?**

As some of the members of the New Orleans City Council appear to think that the water of the Bogue Falia is unhealthy, and should not be introduced into the city, we took the trouble to interview some of our leading citizens upon the subject this week, and we give their experience as follows:

"For a number of years I have drunk nothing but Bogue Falia water, and my health was never better than at present."—*W. B. Cook, Sheriff.*

"I am 125 years old, and have been drinking Bogue Falia water all my life. There is no purer or healthier water in the world."—*Dr. E. R. Randolph, Mayor of Covington.*

"A short time ago I was feeling badly, and soon had a severe hemorrhage. Bogue Falia water cured me."—*Dr. J. F. Chambers.*

"I have fished in it, bathed in it, and drank it, ever since I was a child, and never found anything unhealthy about it. In fact, I have been greatly benefited by its use."—*J. R. Hosmer.*

"It is an excellent antidote for rheumatism."—*Chas. Heintz.*

"I always look forward with pleasure to the Covington terms of the District Court, so that I can regale myself with the refreshing water of the beautiful Bogue Falia. There is nothing like it."—*S. D. Ellis, District Attorney.*

Col. Jas. Lingan, of New Orleans, fully concurs in the above opinion.

"After the arduous labors of the day, there is nothing so refreshing and inspiring as a cool glass of Bogue Falia water."—*Ed. Farmer.*

"So far as its purity and healthfulness is concerned, I never saw anything equal to Bogue Falia water, except, perhaps, the water of Bogue Chitto."—*Col. Steve Mizell.*

"One day last week I was thrown from my horse, and had my ankle badly sprained. Since then I have been drinking Bogue Falia water, and expect to be able to walk without using crutches as soon as my foot gets well."—*H. H. Smith.*

"In my official capacity, as Deputy Sheriff, I am frequently compelled to make long journeys over the parish, and I find that I stand the fatigue of these trips much better when I have a bottle of Bogue Falia water with me."—*S. B. Staples.*

"There is nothing like Bogue Falia water to restore the appetite and quiet the nerves, after a stormy trip across the Lake."—*Capt. F. M. Pippo, of schooner Pippo.*

The character and standing of the gentlemen who certify to the above facts ought to be sufficient to satisfy the people of New Orleans that the water of the Bogue Falia is perfectly pure and healthy in every respect and at all seasons of the year. If we had the time and space we could get a great many more certificates of a similar nature from equally responsible parties. We hope, therefore, that they will insist upon securing this valuable water for their use, at the earliest possible moment. The sooner the better for the health of the city.

It is generally believed that if Mr. Dingley's bill passes, as it was brought up in Congress last week, providing for a commission to inquire into the ship-building facilities of the United States, that attention may be drawn to New Orleans as a ship-building point.

The New Orleans *Daily States* don't seem to catch on to the mails as quickly as it should. Monday evening's paper reaches here Wednesday noon, and Tuesday evening's paper comes Thursday night. Considering that we have a daily mail, it appears that they miss the connection somewhere. This should be attended to.

An egotist's story extends as far as the I can reach.—*Boston Transcript.*